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JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Zeke Johnsen, a senior early childhood education major, plays with building blocks and toy racecars Tuesday afternoon with 3-year-old Brayden Edwards at Country Schoolhouse Preschool in Charleston.

ODD MEN IN

2.3 percent of early childhood education majors are male

By Jim Allocco
Education Reporter

When senior early childhood education major Zeke Johnsen

walks into his education classes, he is always different from the other 30 students.

He's the only man. Although Eastern is often praised for having one of the best education departments, typically only female students take advantage of the university's program.

Of the 1,136 students that

major in elementary education, only 11 percent, or 131 of them, are men. There are only four men of the 174 early childhood education majors — 2.3 percent.

Their plans

Johnsen knew since his senior year of high school that he wanted to teach kindergarten.

"It was either this or

architecture," he said. "I liked architecture, but I knew I'd be good at teaching younger classes."

This year he was hired as a daycare assistant at Country Schoolhouse Preschool in Charleston.

He has his future strategically planned out.

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Tech fair to flaunt gadgets

By Julia Morss
Staff Correspondent

The college of sciences may be adding podcasts to help students who miss field trips or to help review for midterms.

Maurice Cheeks, Eastern's Apple Campus representative, was presenting Wednesday at an event preceding this year's Technology Fair.

Cheeks demonstrated the working of Apple's Life Suite software that could help with the podcasting at an event preceding this year's Technology Fair.

New to this year's fair are events the day before and after, instead of just the day of the fair.

"We use this fair as a feedback as to what both the students and the faculty would like to have here on campus," said Michael Hoadley, director of the Center for Academic Technology Services.

"This fair helps students and faculty with the way materials are presented in class."

A total of 32 booths that will have on- and off-campus organizations and vendors will be presented from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The event is hosted by Media Services, Information Technology Services and CATS.

"This fair was started to be convenient to both the student and faculty members," Hoadley said. "Some of the technology fairs are too far away or admission is too much."

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Chief Illiniwek mascot suit dismissal upheld by court

» The lawsuit claiming the University of Illinois at Champaign's mascot disrespects Native American students was dismissed in 2005 and reinforced by an appellate court Tuesday.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President's Council addresses 'Great Beginnings' at senate

» The "Great Beginnings" project will replace the window in the bridge lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with a pane with etched quotations from history.

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VOLLEYBALL

Jacksonville State's Breit is conference's top weapon

» The Ohio Valley Conference begins play this weekend and the reigning player of year, Jacksonville State's Abbey Breit, hopes to lead her team to a title. She is a weapon opponents always plan for.

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TOP CAT

Galeski's leadership shines through for soccer team

» Mick Galeski is this week's Top Cat after leading the Panthers into the nation's top 10 with last weekend's weekend win of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay tournament. Head coach Adam Howarth saw the way players responded to him when he decided to name Galeski captain at the start of the season.

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Mattoon center welcomes Jewish student celebrants

Rosh Hashanah begins today at sundown

By Cathy Bayer
Senior Campus Reporter

Monica Arbetman was more than a little annoyed by the people handing out Bibles on campus Tuesday.

Arbetman, a junior family and consumer sciences major, has no use for a Bible.

She's Jewish.

Arbetman said she's a little disappointed in Eastern's lack of publicity for a Jewish place of worship.

There isn't a synagogue in

FAST FACTS

» **Where:** Jewish Community Center on Richmond Avenue, Mattoon.

» **Schedule:** Services for Rosh Hashanah at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday; services for Yom Kippur at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and at 10 a.m. Oct. 2.

Charleston, and Arbetman is three-and-a-half hours away from her home in St. Charles.

That's why she plans to make a traditional Jewish holiday dinner celebrating Rosh Hashanah for her and her roommates in Charleston.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset and lasts through nightfall Sunday.

For ingredients for matzo ball soup and brisket, Arbetman's mom told her to check the kosher section at Wal-Mart.

Arbetman told her she didn't know if the Wal-Mart in Charleston even had a section like that.

The closest synagogue to campus is the Jewish Community Center in Mattoon.

Approximately 10 families worship weekly at the synagogue, said Ben Zeidman, the center's new rabbi.

Zeidman is a student at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS | CHIEF ILLINIWEK LAWSUIT



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Chief Illiniwek performs during halftime of the University of Illinois' season opener against Eastern on Sept. 2, in Memorial Stadium.

Appellate court upholds dismissal

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — An Illinois appellate court on Tuesday upheld a lower court's dismissal of an Illinois Native American Bar Association lawsuit that claimed dances by the University of Illinois' athletic mascot violate the state's civil rights laws.

The lawsuit claimed Chief Illiniwek's performances humiliate American Indian students and create a hostile environment that dissuades them from attending games or participating in other school activities.

Tuesday's 2-1 vote by a three-judge panel of the 1st District Appellate Court upheld a trial judge's dismissal of the lawsuit filed in March 2005.

Writing for the majority, Judge Warren Wolfson noted that in a 1996 law, the General Assembly declared Chief Illiniwek to be an "honored symbol of a great university."

He wrote that if the state's anti-

KENNETH DOBBS | ATTORNEY FOR THE BAR ASSOCIATION

"Every university, college and high school, except for a handful, have abandoned the use of racist Native American imagery. It creates a hostile environment."

discrimination law passed in 2003 intended to overturn that sentiment, the state legislature would have said so explicitly.

Judge Shelvin Louise Hall cast the dissenting vote, arguing the plaintiffs had the right to take their case to trial.

University of Illinois spokesman Thomas Hardy told the Chicago Tribune for a story on its Web site that school officials are pleased with the ruling.

Kenneth Dobbs, an attorney for the bar association, said the organization plans to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court.

"Every university, college and high school, except for a handful,

have abandoned the use of racist Native American imagery," Dobbs said. "It creates a hostile atmosphere."

"But people tolerate it because of a misunderstanding of Native American culture."

The NCAA has deemed Illiniwek and his dance a "hostile and abusive" use of American Indian imagery, and last August barred Illinois from hosting postseason NCAA events as long as the 80-year Chief Illiniwek tradition continues.

Hardy said the school's trustees are studying what role Chief Illiniwek will play at future athletic events, but no decisions have been made.

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CAMPUS | NATIONAL PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Events honor black Greek life

NPHC hopes to promote awareness of black fraternities, sororities

By Cleopatra R. Watson
Staff Correspondent

National Pan-Hellenic Council will host a series of events in honor of black Greeks.

"This is the year to foster unity ... and expand in a positive direction," said Brian Johnson, NPHC co-adviser and member of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc.

NPHC will host a party at 10 p.m. Friday in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

At midnight on Friday, the Greek RSO will give a public presentation, also known as a mini step show.

NPHC's purpose is to promote

BRIAN JOHNSON | NPHC CO-ADVISER

"This is the year to foster unity ... and expand in a positive direction."

interaction through forums and cooperative programs amongst the black Greeks.

NPHC adviser is Sunni Solomon a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. Co-advising is Ashley Caridine a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

Solomon said his goal is to "re-build NPHC, update the constitution and establish channels of communication."

Another event will welcome author Walter Kimbrough to Eastern.

Kimbrough is the author of "Black Greek 101: The Culture,

Customs, and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities."

Kimbrough is the president Philander Smith College. He is also the youngest president in Historically Black Colleges and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.

Friday evening Kimbrough will open a reception with the office of Minority Affairs and Greek Life in the NPHC house, invite only.

"Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Service in the community will not lose its purpose with NPHC bridging the gaps," said Quiana Stone member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



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Schedule Academic Advising

» Students who are assigned to 9th Street Hall for Academic Advising need to go to 9th Street Hall to schedule their appointments. Phone calls will not be accepted to schedule an appointment.

Academic Advising is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Fourth Annual Technology Fair

» A technology fair is being held today from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Over thirty vendors will be present to showcase their technology products. For more information contact Media Services at 581-8396.

Faculty Development

» Engaging Our Students by Engaging Our Community: How to incorporate Service-Learning into Your Class. The workshop will be in the format of a panel discussion.

The panel will be from 12:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For more information call Bonnie Irwin at 581-2017.

Communication Studies**Orientation**

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TODAY

Resume Blitz

Time | 1-4 p.m.

Location | 1301 Human Services

More info | 581-2412

How to prepare for meeting your advisor

Time | 4 p.m.

Location | Charleston Mattoon Room

More info | 581-2313

Study Abroad Info Session

Time | 4 p.m.

Location | 1207 Bair Hall

More info | 581-7267

"East of Eden"-Burl Ives Movie

Time | 7 p.m.

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | 581-2787

correction

In Wednesday's article, "Alumna teaches women," Greek Life graduate assistant Danny Scheck was incorrectly identified in the photo outline.

In the same article, description of a self-defense technique to harm an attacker should have read, "she (Erin Weed) showed the women how to take the palm of their hand and thrust it up into the attacker's chin. This would cause him to bleed along with affecting his breathing and sight."

The DEN regrets the errors.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, speaks to the members of Student Senate Wednesday evening in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The President's Council addressed the senate and answered questions that were raised.

ERIC HILTYNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

New beginning for Union bridge

Hencken outlines 'Great beginnings' as theme for lounge's new mural window

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

"Great beginnings" was the focus of President Lou Hencken's speech at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Hencken and the rest of the President's Council answered questions on any topic affecting campus.

"Great beginnings" is the president's plan for replacing 60-foot long window in the bridge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The current window, which needs to be replaced because of leakage, will be replaced with a

LOU HENCKEN | EASTERN PRESIDENT

"'Great beginnings' can be something from a speech, a book, a poem, something that means a lot to you."

decorative window highlighting famous quotes.

"'Great beginnings' can be something from a speech, a book, a poem, something that means a lot to you," Hencken said. "And so the idea is, we (the university) are to replace that window, and in it we are going to have etchings of great beginnings."

He requested that Student Senate Speaker Kent Ohms appoint two students to a committee that will be comprised of students and faculty who will decide the quotes.

"It (committee positions) will be open to the entire student body," Ohms said. "There will be some

brief interviews, and with that I will probably pick the two people within the next two weeks and have them approved through senate."

Campus security was the main topic of Student Body President Sean Anderson's executive report.

Anderson unveiled EIU Safety Week. Programs throughout the week will take place across campus. The main goal of EIU Safety Week will be to improve safety and receive input from the student body.

Final changes made to Wednesday night's meeting agenda included removing the approval of Anderson to the Presidential Search Committee. The Committee

on Legislative Leadership issued a letter to Anderson, which stated that Student Senate must approve any appointment to the committee, citing the Student Body Constitution and Internal Governing Policy 81.

Anderson would not comment on the matter.

In other business Richard Luce was approved to fill an off-campus senate seat. One senate seat still remains open, and applications will be accepted until Wednesday.

The next Student Senate meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Union.

Comedy group lightens up sex education

By Rachel Thomas

Staff Correspondent

Sex will be on the minds of a comedic group visiting campus tonight.

But the educational value will last beyond the performance.

The University Board will sponsor the comedic lecture titled "Sex Signals" at 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom.

This interactive lecture is being organized by not only the UB, but

also the Athletic Department and the Health Education Resource Center.

The team of professional improvisation speakers from the company Bass/Schuler Entertainment will enlighten Eastern students on topics including the differences between men and women, dating, sex and date rape.

A \$500 grant from the NCAA will help fund the event. The UB will cover the rest of the event costs.

Because this event is mandatory for Eastern's student athletes, these campus groups are expecting quite a large turnout.

Cindy Tozer, the director of Academic Services, said she expects between 300 and 400 students to come to the comedy act put on by the improv team.

"The team uses humor a lot to engage the audience during the performance," Tozer said.

But they are also well trained in sexual assault education.

"(The team is) very qualified

for it and really knows how to get people comfortable with the topic," said Melissa Schaefer, the Vice Chair of the University Board.

This team of speakers has performed more than one thousand shows at more than 400 different colleges, making this show a college favorite country-wide.

More information and a demo of what to expect from Sex Signals, can be found at www.catharsisproductions.com.

» Fair

FROM PAGE 1

One reason that vendors like to come to Eastern Technology Fair is because it does not charge for a table.

"This is different. We talk to vendor about doing special events and a lot of them were happy to do the presentations," Hoadley said.

All schools within a sixty-mile radius were invited to participate in this event, with new technology devices or to find new gadgets.

"If students are interested in technology they should be interested in seeing what is offered," Ira Yarbrough, graphic designer at CATS.

Technology Day has a luncheon where 16 faculty members are honored for their excellent use of technology. The award recipients are selected by the four colleges that participate in this event.

The Technology Fair, in its fourth year, started in 2003 by Hoadley. This year's theme is "The Year of the Student."

The students last year liked a

product from TurningPoint that gives the faculty feedback in class, Hoadley said.

"We listen to the campus regarding the technology we purchase and the programs we use," Hoadley said.

This year, some of the faculty started using the TurningPoint product, which allows the instructor to have immediate feedback from the students in the class. Instructors will use a PowerPoint presentation, and in it there will be a program that allows feedback from students in order for

the instructor to know what needs improving. The students have a device like a calculator in their hands and push a button.

During the Fair, TurningPoint, Gateway, Apple, Mediasite, and Freepath will all be on hand to show presentations to guests.

"I would love to see these presentations full," Hoadley said.

ITS will do presentations about WebCT and the new email client, Zimbra. Hoadley said there is also a help line at 581-HELP, where requests for assistance or complaints can be registered.

VIEWS

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COLUMNIST | JACK MCMILLIN

Darfur deaths preventable

By Jack Mcmillin
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN – Our president recently proved that while he may be above American law, he isn't above Godwin's.

Bush recently dropped the "Islamic fascism" bomb and Rumsfeld stated that those who criticize the way Bush has prosecuted the war on terror - invading and occupying a country that had nothing to do with Sept. 11 - are similar to Nazi appeasers.

Comparing your opponents to Nazi sympathizers is the one of the oldest and most desperate of rhetorical tricks, but it also reveals how staggeringly disconnected from reality the Bush administration is.

At the same time our president is equating his program of destabilization of the Middle East with the struggle against Hitler, pushing for war against Iran, and being "not that concerned" about Osama Bin Laden, in Darfur we are confronted with an actual genocide and a situation where if action is not taken, millions of people really will die.

The United States Congress recognized the conflict in Darfur as genocide on Sept. 7, 2004. Most estimates hold that between 400,000 and 450,000 people have died as a result of the conflict since 2003.

Currently there is a peacekeeping force of 7,000 African Union troops guarding the Darfur region. This force's mandate ends on Sept. 30 and they are scheduled to leave Darfur on that day.

Despite the fact that a peace agreement was signed in May, violence in the region is on the rise.

The Sudanese government (which, in conjunction with the Janjaweed militias, is responsible for the genocide) is ramping up military action in the region in anticipation for the time the AU troops leave. According to Kofi Annan, violence in the region has already cut off food aid for 350,000 refugees.

There are two and a half million refugees in Darfur. When the AU troops are gone, the aid workers supporting these refugees will be unprotected and will be forced to leave also.

When these two things occur, the situation in the Sudan becomes, in the words of Dr. Eric Reeves, a "genocidal black box." Until a peace force arrives, and at the rate we are going it will arrive conveniently late, there will be no witnesses to the genocide perpetrated by the Sudanese government.

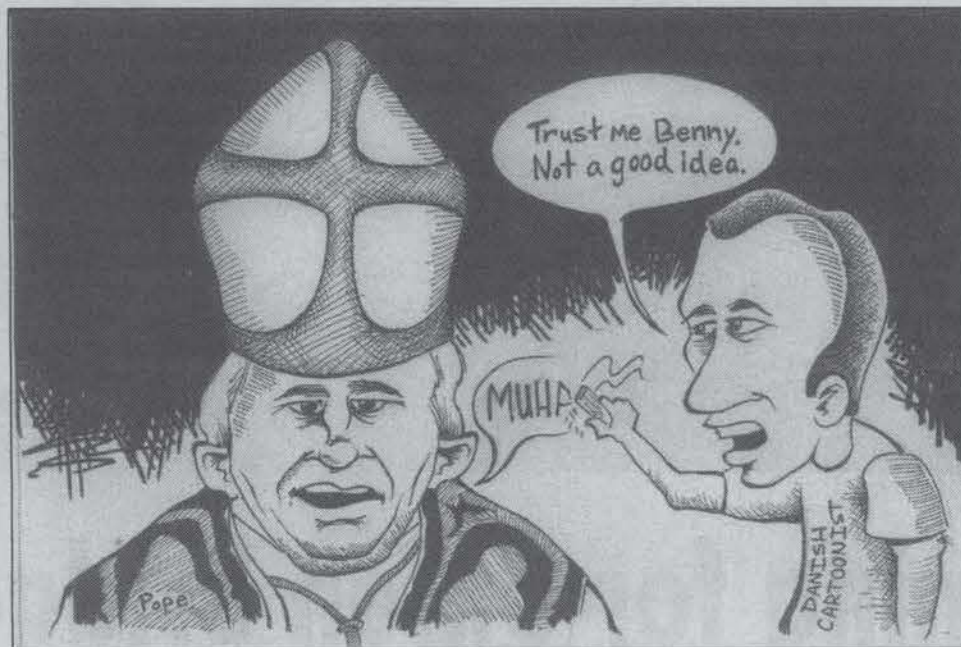
Human beings have an amazing ability to ignore things that ought to bother them (murder, genocide, starvation, the flooding and loss of an entire city) if they believe the situation does not directly threaten them, that the people in danger are ones they don't particularly care about, or that the situation would require too much of their time or effort to change. A good temporary cure for this condition is to watch Hotel Rwanda or, even better, the documentary Ghosts of Rwanda. Both are available at the University library.

The best solution and the one that Action Darfur recommends, says Flamand, is to send a peacekeeping force to the Sudan, "regardless of the Sudanese government's objections."

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ISSUE | Eastern's new e-mail system and its problems

Responsibility good for new e-mail; fix it next

The Zimbra e-mail update installed by Information Technology Services during Labor Day weekend has caused problems for Eastern account holders. Although ITS should have gone about installing this upgrade a little differently, it should be commended for taking responsibility for the difficulties the system has caused.

Zimbra was meant to replace the eight-year-old PantherMail e-mail system, improve usage speeds and add features like calendars and a soon-to-come "lite" version with faster loading capabilities for a smoother performance. However, since its installation, students, faculty and staff have complained of slow operating speed, spam and inability to use the e-mail system altogether.

Information Technology Services has explained that these are merely bugs that need to be worked out of the system and should be expected with any new program, which is understandable.

But some of the satisfaction issues could have been avoided with better communication between ITS and Eastern users.

Alerting users further in advance and explaining in detail what ITS intended to change about the e-mail system and addressing the potential problems, for example, would have at least made users more aware of the mass overhaul.

It goes without saying that ITS should have made a closer inspection of the new system and evaluated and prepared for potential problems.

But at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting, Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for academic affairs for Information Technology

Services, made the professional and respectable move of addressing the faculty's concerns.

During the meeting, Chatterji acknowledged the mistakes ITS made during the switchover process and explained exactly why the problems arose.

In a situation where ITS could have easily passed the buck, it owned up to its shortcomings and made an effort to explain its plan to remedy them.

That being said, users have every right to be frustrated by the difficulties the Eastern e-mail system has created, but also should understand that glitches are to be expected.

As Chatterji explained to the Faculty Senate, the upgrade had to be done during the school year in order to put stress on the system and insure it runs correctly. Implementing the change now also was important to the timely progression of other university improvements, such as the new Banner system.

While users are justified in expecting a smoother performance from Zimbra and ITS after the planning involved in the project, but users should not expect every kink to be worked out without a form of test run from the Eastern community.

Now that the test has been done, though, it is up to ITS to go beyond accepting responsibility and actually fix the problem as soon as is feasible.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at DENopinions@gmail.com.

DENNEWS.COM FEATURED BLOGGER | KRISTEN LARSEN



"It seems that the commercials and ads have made a bigger issue out of something that does not need to be."

COLUMNIST | SERENA HEATH

Coretta King still worthy of memory

We should admire Coretta Scott King, not just for being the wife of the civil rights leader, but also being a female powerhouse herself. Let's focus on the great things she did that had nothing to do with "standing by her man."

Coretta Scott was valedictorian of her class and received a scholarship, graduating from Antioch with a B.A. in music education. She also won a scholarship to study at New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She became involved in the civil rights movement as an undergrad, and she joined the Antioch chapter of the NAACP, and the Race Relations and Civil Liberties Committees - long before she met and married Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1953. She completed her degree in voice and violin by 1954 and raised 4 children while her husband gained international fame.

She also was in demand as a public speaker. She became the first woman to deliver the Class Day address at Harvard, and the first woman to preach at a statutory service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. She served as a Women's Strike for Peace delegate to the 17-nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in 1962. Mrs. King became involved in international peace and justice organizations before Dr. King took a public stand in 1967 against United States involvement in the Vietnam War. After her husband's death in 1968, Mrs. King concentrated on building The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, which was finally completed in Atlanta in 1981. In 1974 she formed the Full Employment Action Council, a coalition of over 100 religious, labor, business, civil and women's rights organizations dedicated to equal economic opportunity, serving as co-chair for many years.

In 1985, Coretta and her children were arrested at the South African embassy in Washington, D.C., for protesting against that country's apartheid system.

Ten years later, she stood with Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg when he was sworn in as President of South Africa. Mrs. King was invited by President Clinton to witness the historic handshake between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chairman Yassir Arafat at the signing of the Middle East Peace Accords in 1993.

After 27 years at the helm of The King Center, Mrs. King turned over leadership of the Center to her son, Dexter Scott King, in 1995. She died earlier this year at the age of 78.

Yes, she stood beside her husband throughout all those years, but I personally believe there's nothing shameful whatsoever about a woman supporting her husband's cause if she believes in it as much as he does. Still, Mrs. King's personal accomplishments speak for themselves.

Coretta Scott King should be remembered, and I strongly believe Eastern is right for honoring her.

Serena Heath



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CAMPUS | CONSTITUTION DAYS



Justin Sinner and Travis Bounds, social sciences majors, debate constitutional based questions in the Charleston/Mattoon room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday afternoon. Sinner is a member of Eastern's Republican party while Bounds represented the Democratic. **AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

Panel clashes over political issues

Students debate constitution issues, homeland security

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Staff Correspondent

The opinions clashed and varied at the "U.S. Constitution Five Years After 9/11" panel discussion.

The panel, which consisted of five students, argued about issues concerning homeland security, due process in the United States, the current state of the first amendment and how Sept. 11, 2001 might shape the future of the constitution in front of a crowd of nearly 20.

Each person on the panel did not hesitate to voice their opinion and defend it.

"I think both sides of the argument were fairly represented and well articulated," said Jason

JASON SCHULTZ | SENIOR HISTORY MAJOR

"I think both sides of the argument were fairly represented and well articulated."

Schultz, a senior history major.

Dustin Baker, Tori Frazier, Brittany Hoerdeman — all political science majors — and Travis Bounds and Justin Sinner — both social science teacher cert majors — were on the panel. They had a tendency to stray off topic.

"Personally, I think that it could have been more productive without the side conversations, but it still was somewhat productive," Schultz said.

The panel members represented three student organizations: the Political Science Association, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Alpha Delta, but the event was organized by

Richard Wandling, the chair of the political science department.

"We did one (a discussion) last year and they (the political science department) were interested in doing another one for Constitution Day this year," Wandling said.

He also added that last year's discussion primarily focused on privacy issues related to homeland security.

For this year's discussion, the panel seemed to have a hard time agreeing on the topics discussed. Opinions varied on the Patriot Act, racial profiling, due process in the United States, the effectiveness of the Legislative Branch and civil

liberties of the American people.

The discussion provided for an insightful experience for the people who attended.

"It [the discussion] will provide them [students] an opportunity

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Venezuela's Chavez calls Bush
'The Devil' at U.N. meeting

UNITED NATIONS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez took his verbal battle with the United States to the floor of the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday, calling President Bush "the devil." The impassioned speech by the leftist leader came a day after Bush and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sparred over Tehran's disputed nuclear program but managed to avoid a personal encounter.

Shuttle pronounced free of
damage, OK to come home

HOUSTON — NASA gave space shuttle Atlantis the all-clear to come home Thursday after a stem-to-stern inspection prompted by a mysterious flurry of orbital litter found no damage to the ship. NASA could not say for certain what the five floating pieces of junk were — perhaps a plastic filler strip, maybe a garbage bag. But shuttle program manager Wayne Hale said there was no reason to worry, because nothing of any importance was missing from the spacecraft.

Congress debates immigration
bills, senate moves for fence

WASHINGTON — The House neared action Wednesday on requiring Americans to show proof of citizenship in order to vote, and the Senate moved to build a 700-mile fence along the Mexican border, sharpening attacks on illegal immigration before the midterm elections. House action on a new photo ID plan and Senate consideration of the fence are both part of a get-tough policy on illegal immigrants that Republicans have embraced after Congress' failure to agree on broader legislation that would set a path for undocumented workers to attain citizenship.

Fed votes to leave interest
rate steady at 5.25 percent

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve gave America's borrowers a break and held interest rates steady for a second straight month, part of a strategy to put the economy and inflation on an even keel. In a 10-1 vote Wednesday, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues decided to leave rates alone, suggesting that slowing economic activity eventually will lessen inflationary pressures.

New chief judge tosses
Hussein from courtroom

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The new chief judge in the Saddam Hussein genocide trial threw the former Iraqi president out of court Wednesday, and his lawyers stormed out in protest. A leading human rights group charged that the government's decision to replace the former chief judge, Abdullah al-Amiri, threatens the independence of the troubled tribunal. Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa presided Wednesday after the government removed al-Amiri, who angered Kurds by declaring that Saddam was "not a dictator."

NATIONAL | HOMELAND SECURITY

Boeing wins \$80 million contract

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Boeing Co. will be awarded an \$80 million government contract to provide new high-tech ways to catch illegal immigrants trying to cross U.S. land borders, officials said Wednesday.

The contract is the first part of a multibillion-dollar Homeland Security Department plan to help secure the Mexican and Canadian borders.

The final bill's total is unknown, a department official said, because it hinges largely on whether Congress will approve spending about \$1 billion to build a fence on the Mexican border. Until then, the contract will be given to Boeing in phases, the department official said.

The Boeing contract was expected to be announced Thursday, according to a congressional aide and an official of the agency who spoke on condition of anonymity because the department had not yet made its announcement.

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"Legally we are restricted from discussing details of the contract until the award is officially announced."

Homeland Security Department spokesman Jarrod Agen would not comment. "Legally we are restricted from discussing details of the contract until the award is officially announced," Agen said Wednesday.

Boeing spokesman Dan Beck also declined to comment pending a formal announcement from the government.

Chicago-based Boeing was among several major defense companies competing for the job. While other companies' proposals relied more heavily on using flying drones to patrol the border, Boeing focused on a network of 1,800 high-tech towers, equipped with cameras and motion detectors, that could feed live information to Border Patrol agents.

The Boeing-led team's victory was reported in several newspapers Wednesday, citing unnamed sources.

The contract, part of the Secure Border Initiative, is the government's latest attempt to use advanced technology to solve the illegal immigration problem, which lawmakers have called a national security issue and which has given new attention in light of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Homeland Security gave companies chasing the contract — including Lockheed Martin Corp. and Northrop Grumman Corp. — unusual freedom to come up with their own ideas for how best to apply new and developing technologies to the problem.

Jolie, Pitt give \$1 million gifts
to two humanitarian groups

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Movie stars Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are giving gifts of \$1 million each to two humanitarian organizations, an adviser to the couple said Wednesday.

The recipients are Global Action for Children and Medecins sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders.

"In the most troubled parts of the world places that much of the world has abandoned, MSF is always there," said Jolie in a statement issued by Trevor Neilson, the couple's philanthropic and political adviser.

"I have seen these brave men and women working in war zones and horrific conditions and I deeply admire them."

Jolie is a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. High Commission for Refugees.

Jennifer Delaney, U.S. director for Global Action for Children, expressed her thanks for the gift from the Jolie-Pitt Foundation.

"Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt not only care, but more important, are taking concrete action to address the fact that there will be 20 million children orphaned by AIDS by 2010, and millions more orphaned by tuberculosis, malaria and conflict or whose parents are sick and dying," she said.

Delaney said the vast majority of these children are being cared for by extended families and communities that need support to overcome the ravages of HIV/AIDS and poverty.

statebriefs

Former Amboy mayor
apologizes for theft

DIXON — The former mayor of a small northwestern Illinois town apologized Wednesday for stealing cash to fuel a gambling addiction he says has left him bankrupt and a "humiliated member of a community that I have loved and cherished for my entire lifetime."

Former Amboy Mayor Leroy Stambaugh pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges that he stole cash from a donation jar at a historic train depot, a move his attorney called procedural as talks continue for a possible plea agreement.

Stambaugh, 56, confessed to the crime in a written public apology released after the hearing. The apology stated that he will make full restitution and accept whatever sentence is handed down on charges of official misconduct, obstruction of justice and misdemeanor theft.

"I will stand accountable to my criminal charges and write this letter without knowing what the state's attorney or the judge will recommend for me. I just

want to do what is right," said Stambaugh, who resigned a day before he was indicted last month by a Lee County grand jury.

Illinois to give laptops
to 1,750 students

SPRINGFIELD — More than 1,750 sixth-graders will be given laptops as part of a \$5 million program to help children develop computer skills, state officials said Wednesday.

Beginning this school year, seven districts will participate in the "Technology Immersion Pilot Program," which also will help with science and math instruction, Gov. Rod Blagojevich said.

"We live in a technology-driven age where computers are essential tools in most industries and workplaces," Blagojevich said in a statement.

"With this pilot program, we'll give students another resource for learning and, at the same time, help them develop technology skills that will help them compete when they're finished with school and ready to enter the work force."

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Illinois court makes ruling on abortion

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Supreme Court issued rules Wednesday that could lead to enforcement of a long-ignored law requiring parents to be notified before their minor daughters get an abortion.

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act was passed in 1995 but never enforced because the Supreme Court refused to issue rules spelling out how judges should handle appeals of the notification requirement.

But now the court has new members and it has issued the necessary rules—just two days after announcing it would take up the issue.

Before the notification law

could take effect, a federal judge would still have to lift the 1996 order barring its enforcement.

Supporters of such laws say teenagers from surrounding states are coming to Illinois to get abortions and skirt laws requiring parental notification or consent in their home states.

Abortion rights supporters had hoped the court would give the public a chance to comment before issuing the rules. But supporters of parental notification wanted swift action.

The president of Chicago-area Planned Parenthood called the court's action "a shameless political move." Steve Trombley said Planned Parenthood will look at ways to block the law.

"We oppose these laws because

we believe they put teens in danger," Trombley said.

"Most teenagers already involve a parent (in a decision to abort) and, of those who don't, many of them don't do so for good reasons."

Trombley said the court acted "to revive a controversial issue two months before the election to re-energize the evangelical Christian base in support of the Topinka-Birkett ticket."

The law allows minors seeking abortions to avoid the notification requirement by going to court and asking for a waiver.

The new rules say the judge should try to rule on the request at the end of the hearing, but if that's not possible then the judge should rule within 48 hours.

If the waiver is rejected, the

decision can be appealed to an appellate court and ultimately the Illinois Supreme Court.

The rules say there would be no oral arguments on appeals and decisions would have to be issued within two days by the appellate court and five days by the Supreme Court.

The waiver request and all legal proceedings would be confidential under the new rules.

A court spokesman said the rules were adopted unanimously by the seven justices but would not comment further on how they

were drafted. The issue already has gotten entangled in Illinois politics.

The Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett, wrote a letter to the court in June asking for action on the rules.

His running mate, Judy Baar Topinka, supports abortion rights but also endorses parental notification, so long as waivers are available in cases where the minor has been abused or raped by a relative.

STATE | PROTESTS

Tea bags worry U.S. post

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Seeking a Midwest version of the famed Boston Tea Party, Illinois' second-highest politician wants residents to mail tea bags to that state's two biggest electric utilities in protest of coming rate hikes.

The U.S. Postal Service on Wednesday offered a caveat: Skip the tea.

Saying full tea bags could be bulky enough to harm its equipment and create security scares by leaking brown residue, the Postal Service says consumers can get their point across by tucking an empty tea bag inside their monthly bill to ComEd or Ameren Corp.

"It's absolutely legal for people to mail a tea bag," said David Colen, a postal inspector and spokesman for the Chicago division of the U.S.

Postal Inspection Service, a law-enforcement arm of the agency. "By no means are we trying to stop what the lieutenant governor is trying to do. We just want to keep the mail flowing."

On Tuesday, Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn pressed his bid to get ComEd or Ameren customers to include a tea bag with their monthly payments, likening the effort to Boston's 1773 protest in which colonists dumped tea into the Boston Harbor to object to unfair taxation by the British.

Quinn's campaign comes in advance of the first electricity rate increase for Illinoisans in a decade.

Utility officials announced last Friday that rates will jump on average between 22 percent and 55 percent next year following the state's first public energy auction. Wholesale rates determined by

the auction will mean preliminary average increases of about \$13 a month — or 22 percent — for ComEd customers and between \$26 and \$33 a month — 40 to 55 percent — for customers of Ameren.

ComEd, a division of Exelon Corp., serves 3.7 million customers across northern Illinois, while St. Louis-based Ameren serves 1.2 million customers in southern and central Illinois.

Quinn stoked his request for the tea bags during news conferences this week in Chicago — home to ComEd — and outside Ameren's St. Louis headquarters, calling the rate increases "arrogant unfairness."

Quinn spokeswoman Elizabeth Austin said consumers reluctant to mail in tea bags may mail a computer image of one that's on Quinn's official Web site.



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» Men

FROM PAGE 1

He is studying abroad in Australia next semester and wants to become a rescue swimmer in the Coast Guard for a while before he starts teaching children. In Australia he plans on observing the differences between the classrooms there and in the United States.

Mike Diamond, a freshman elementary

education major, with a dual certificate in special education, knew he wanted to work with children since his aunt got him involved.

"I job shadowed her for a week," he said. "And I just fell in love with it."

He plans to teach special education in elementary schools.

Nathan Singer, a junior elementary education major, knew since high school that he wanted to work with children. By his sophomore year he was already observing a preschool.

"But even before that I knew that I loved kids," he said.

He described it as an "evolutionary process" to find exactly what group of children he wants to work with. Once he realized that English and reading were not his strengths, he decided to teach middle school students, where he could focus on math and social studies.

"The key is evolving into a person who not only knows what they're doing, but why they're doing it," he said.

After experiencing the field for a while, he plans on getting his master's degree and becoming an administrator.

The stereotypes

"There is a certain stigma that guys and kids don't really go together," Singer said. "There's a stereotype that only females can nurture kids, but that's not true at all."

Not only are there stereotypes, but also people will sometimes have negative views of them.

"I definitely do feel like some people might make assumptions," Johnsen said. "But after a week or so — after seeing me interact with the children — they consider me equal."

All of the male elementary education majors said they made their decisions because they want to help children.

"There are some people that are skeptical, but they see I'm doing it for the kids," Diamond said. "So far I'm very, very grateful to be in it (elementary education)."

But Singer said he feels male teachers always need to be cautious with students because some parents may be waiting for them to make a mistake.

"We just have to be careful," he said, "We have to watch what we say, watch what we do."

The minorities

Although some administrators may look

at male elementary education majors in a negative light, most are actually looking for male teachers to better diversify their schools, Diamond said.

"Younger boys are looking for role models," he said.

Johnsen added that male teachers could be a "counter position" in the female dominated field, adding a broader perspective.

"My teachers have told me that being a male can be an advantage," he said.

Singer said that it all depends on certain people's interests.

"For me, I don't pay attention to what I should be doing as a man," he said. "I do what I'm interested in. Why don't most females go into construction? It's all about your interests."

The future

In his 30-student education class, Diamond is one of only three men, but he said in the future he expects many more men to join the field.

Johnsen also feels that there will be more male teachers in the future.

"In the culture our parents grew up in, women were the caregivers," he said. "But it's changing a lot these days."

But he said men should not become education majors just because it is an advantage.

"I wouldn't want people to become early childhood majors just to level the playing field," Johnsen said. "I'd prefer people going into the major for the love of teaching."

Singer said men who love children should not be afraid to go into the education field.

"My advice for any prospective male teacher is do not let stereotypes, stigma or negative feelings scare you from doing what you want to do," he said.

"There are plenty of guys that love kids, and I just happen to be one of them."

» Center

FROM PAGE 1

The 22-year-old grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and did his undergraduate work at Michigan State.

Although it's not required for Zeidman, a second-year student in the program, he chose to take a pulpit and will serve as the center's rabbi for this academic year.

Zeidman will celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the Jewish New Year, in Mattoon.

"I really like it there," Zeidman said.

Mattoon is a good place to learn, he said. "The community is very open and understanding."

Because Zeidman is still a student, he comes to Mattoon periodically throughout the year, coordinating his schedule with the synagogue.

He will visit the synagogue, a former home, about once a month and additionally for holidays.

The center has a new student rabbi each year.

Next year, Zeidman will go wherever his school places him, he said.

He's been in constant contact with last year's student rabbi, Micah Streiffer.

Zeidman said he has only heard good things about Mattoon from Streiffer.

Nancy Farber, an assistant professor of counseling and student development, is also a member of the center.

She said she loves having a student rabbi each year.

"They bring a fresh perspective and energy," she said.

Zeidman said he's often asked the same question: Why become a rabbi?

"I couldn't imagine doing anything else with my life," he said.

"Whatever you end up doing, you have to be happy with it; you have to find something that makes you happy."

Farber said she doesn't think many

students even know about the center.

Very few students attend services, although many Eastern professors attend.

"We'd like to see more students," Farber said.

One of Zeidman's goals is to get more students to attend services.

"Any students that want to come to services for the holidays are welcome," Zeidman said.

Farber said Rosh Hashanah is a time of personal reflection on the last year.

It's usually spent with family and friends, she said. Part of the holiday is attending services.

Eastern has a policy stating accommodations for students who celebrate holidays aside from those of Christian faith.

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But last year, Max Estes, a sophomore business education major, had some trouble receiving an excused absence for Rosh Hashanah.

Estes had to speak to the head of his academic department and was told it's an unwritten rule on campus. He said he still has one or two professors who haven't been "100 percent receptive." Estes will go home for Rosh Hashanah but said he might pay a visit to the Mattoon synagogue.

"There's nothing else down here," he said. "It's either that or drive to Champaign."

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» Galeski

FROM PAGE 12

"(Galeski) knows the game, he's a savvy player, he understands what to do," Howarth said. "He gets the guys pumped up when he needs to and he also can calm them down."

"I look to him as a person to lead the team and so far he has done a pretty good job."

Leading the team requires the captain to be vocal as communication is key in soccer.

While Galeski's voice is not booming like some of his teammates, he gets the job done.

"He doesn't have to be the loudest kid," Jennison said. "He just has a presence about him, the lads look up to it."

Galeski, like the team in general, is off to a good start. He is tied for

the team lead in assists with four and has the third most goals with three, but there is more to being a good captain than just filling up the stat sheet.

Galeski learned from former Panther captain Jimmy Klatter on how to be a leader off the field.

"Jimmy was a good friend of mine," Galeski said. "Coming from England, I didn't know anyone and he was the first one knocking on my door, getting me out of the dorm."

"That's what I'm trying to do with the freshmen now."

Galeski's captain status does not exempt him from occasional the team teasing about his English accent.

"You can listen to them when they're playing," Galeski said. "They are so used to making fun of me, when they are playing they'll start sounding English themselves."

» Daniels

FROM PAGE 12

He's done that, throughout spring practices and fall training camp.

That time is over.

It's the start of Ohio Valley Conference play and a starter should be in place.

He shouldn't be looking over his shoulder to worry about where his competition is.

"He is one play away from becoming a starter," Hutson said about Stinson.

The only reason Stinson should be the starter if Donato gets hurt or throws the first six passes in the Samford game to the Bulldog defense.

Hutson said Donato will start and he will make a decision Thursday or Friday on how much or when Stinson will enter the Samford game.

That decision should have been made a long time ago. Donato led the team to the playoffs last year and proved against Indiana State that he has the talent to throw the ball and produce results.

Granted, Stinson had a 100-

percent completion rate against Indiana State, the last time Donato and him split time.

He completed four of his six passes to Eastern receivers and the other two to Sycamore defenders. At least he didn't have a ball hit the ground, or fall short to a receiver, the knock on Donato's lack of arm strength.

Donato struggled at times against Illinois State, but he was the most productive quarterback against the Redbird defense this season.

When Stinson came in for the final play against Illinois State, with the Panthers down by 14, all he had to do was showcase that strong arm he has.

Throw the ball as far as he could from midfield and see which Eastern receiver might run under it.

What did he do?

Run around like he didn't know he was a football player and get sacked by an Illinois State defender as time ran out.

Which is what the Eastern coaching staff should do.

Sack the idea of splitting time between the two quarterbacks and stick with Donato — the guy who did lead Eastern to the playoffs last season.

Chicago unveils Olympic plans

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — An Olympic stadium would be built in a historic South Side park as part of the city's proposal to host the 2016 Summer Games that was unveiled Wednesday.

The city initially had considered using both Soldier Field where the Chicago Bears play and a temporary stadium nearby to host opening and closing ceremonies.

Now, Olympic organizers want to build a 95,000-seat stadium to hold those ceremonies and the track and field events in Washington Park, a more than 300-acre park listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Chicago is a finalist along with Los Angeles and San Francisco to be the U.S. bid city for the 2016 Games. If the USOC picks an American bid city, the International Olympic Committee won't pick a 2016 host city until 2009.

"We need a state of the art athletics facility to win and we had the land here that will allow for that," Chicago Olympic committee chairman Patrick Ryan said at the park.

While Ryan and Mayor Richard Daley were joined at Wednesday's announcement by South Side aldermen excited about the economic impact the Olympics would have on their community, the stadium idea received a cool

reception in other circles.

The president of a parks advocacy group says there are better locations on the city's South Side.

An original designer of Washington Park was Frederick Law Olmsted, who created New York's Central Park, according to the electronic Encyclopedia of Chicago.

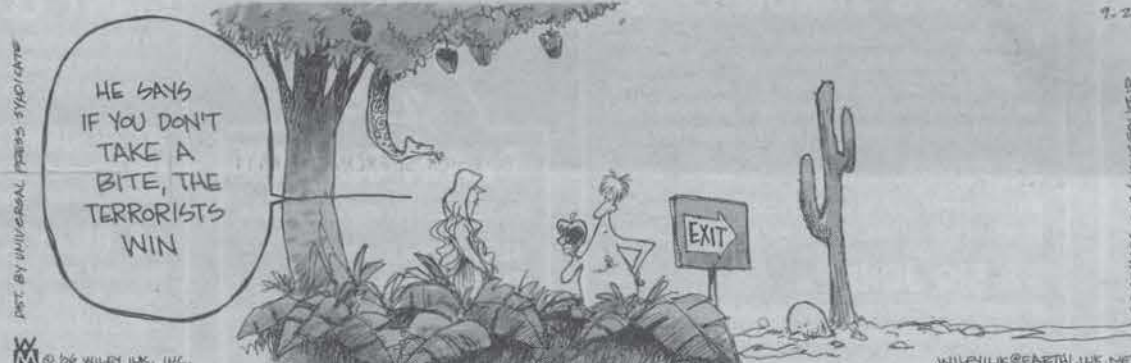
"The idea of a 95,000-seat stadium just doesn't fit within an Olmsted-designed park," said Friends of the Parks president Erma Tranter.

Daley called the site "perfect" because it would spread the wealth of any potential Olympics outside the city's downtown nucleus.

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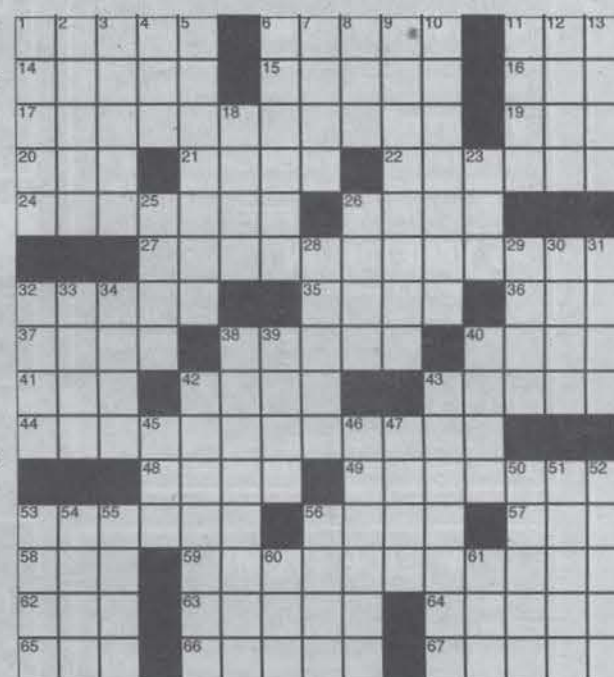


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RUGBY | NOTEBOOK

Rugby to face tougher teams

By Israel Carrillo
Staff Reporter

The Panthers have started the 2006 season behind three dominating wins and now anticipate the schedule only getting tougher.

Junior co-captain Eileen O'Rourke said the season has been going fairly well.

"For the rest of the season, teams that we're playing will be a lot tougher," O'Rourke said. "We are definitely improving. Everyone is looking good in their new positions."

O'Rourke also said they are definitely going in the direction they want.

Head coach Frank Graziano believes his team will have its first real challenge of the season Saturday against Bowling Green.

"If we come out playing real well, and maybe get a couple of scores early, then maybe Bowling Green will lose some confidence," Graziano said.

Junior tight head prop Jaki Brophy said that the team has been adapting well.

Brophy said the older players are helping the

younger players out by understanding the game and getting them to shadow the older players.

Defense First

Graziano said that although the offense has been much improved on the things they work on in practice, he will not let his team forget about playing defense.

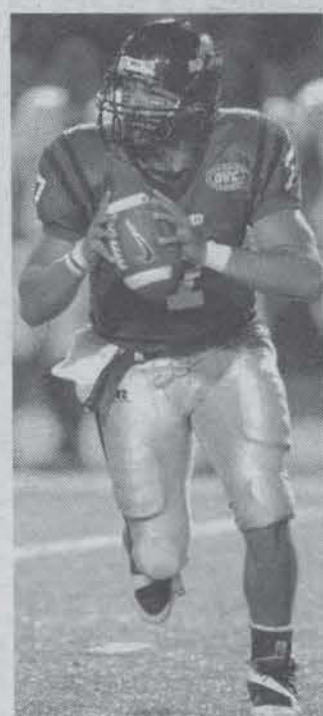
While playing club rugby at Clemson University, Graziano said he always had defensive-minded coaches, which is his mindset that he tries to bring to his team.

"How many points we score is almost irrelevant sometimes," Graziano said. "I've always prided myself on being a good defender."

Racking up points

The Panthers have been relentless on offense, scoring at will this season. This year, the Panthers have outscored their opponents' 273-0.

"Winning a game 70 to 5 is upsetting," Graziano said. "The first and only goal is to go out and try to get a shutout."



COURTESY OF SAMFORD SPORTS INFO
Redshirt sophomore Dante Williams threw for 117 yards in a victory over Austin Peay.

» Samford

FROM PAGE 12

The Panthers have yet to stop a team from running the ball.

They have given up 11 rushing touchdowns and more than 200 yards rushing per game.

Bellantoni said the team has to remain focused and not worry about who is on the field and what players are injured.

Linebacker Clint Sellers (shoulder) will miss his third straight game and safety Tristan Burge (knee) is questionable.

"We've shown in the first three games when we do what we're supposed to do," he said, "not try to do too much on defense, we can be dominant. When we don't, we are a scout team."

Eastern beat Samford 43-14 in 2005 while Williams sat on the sidelines.

His increased snaps have given him more confidence, Gray said.

"He's got more pep in his step," he said. "He's gotten more experience in the last three weeks than he had all last year."

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VOLLEYBALL

2006 Ohio Valley Conference Preview

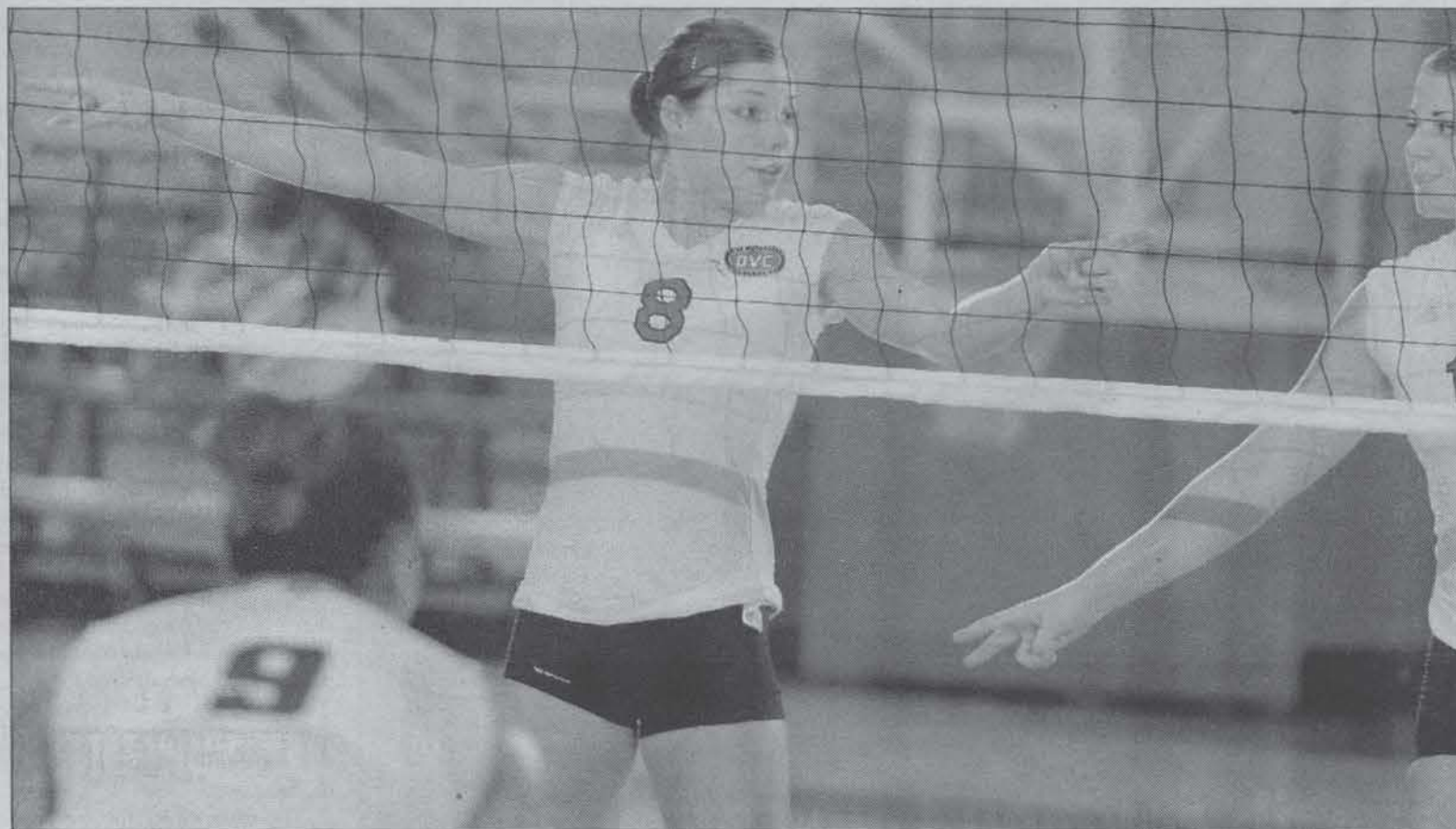


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Junior blocker Abbey Breit is a leader for Jacksonville State and was the conference's player of the year in 2005. This season, she has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Week three times in four weeks. The one week she didn't get the award was the week JSU didn't play.

Versatile weapon

Junior Abbey Breit is the Gamecocks leader on both offense and defense. Last year, she was the OVC's first sophomore Player of the Year in 10 years.

By Katie Anderson
Staff Reporter

On a Friday in early November, the Panthers were up in a home match against Jacksonville State when the Gamecocks' starting middle blocker, Shari Weyer, went down with a knee injury.

The Gamecocks won the match's final three games and took the match 3-2.

Eastern head coach Lori Bennett remembers Abbey Breit, JSU's second middle, stepping up to push her team to victory.

"I've never seen anything like it," Bennett said. "The kid decided she was going to win, and everyone on her team said, 'OK,' and there was nothing we could do, she single-handedly made her team win."

JSU head coach Rick Nold said it's a two-way street when it comes to Abbey and the team.

"Her being successful helps her and she helps them. It's good balance," Nold said. "She's the one working hardest."

Her record speaks for itself.

Breit has 228 kills in the first 40 games of this season, a number which is more than a third of her team's total kills (630).

Both lead the Ohio Valley Conference, and last week Breit was named Player of the Week

by the OVC for the third time in the past four weeks.

"You manage everyone else and try to keep her damage to a minimum," Bennett said.

Nold said it's Breit's all around skills that people notice.

"She puts up the numbers in the front row and plays a defense back row for us. That's what makes her stand out from a lot of other players," he said.

Breit has known she wanted to play Division I volleyball since she began playing school and club volleyball.

One of her athletic highlights growing up was when she was named tournament MVP as a 16-year-old playing up on an 18-and-under team at the Junior Olympics National Invitational that her team won. This honor earned her a spot in the July 2002 issue of "Faces in the Crowd", a section in Sports Illustrated.

Her success has continued in college.

Last season, she became the first sophomore in 10 years to earn the OVC's Player of the Year Award, became her school's first volleyball All-American and played a key role in leading her team to the school's first OVC-tournament title and its first trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Breit has been honored by ESPN, Sports Illustrated, the American Volleyball Coaches

Association and OVC numerous times, but her favorite honor is was the Honorable mention All-American ranking she earned last season.

"It was out of the blue, and not something I ever thought I could accomplish," she said.

Another thing Breit is accomplishing is making it tough for opposing coaches when they play JSU.

Tennessee Martin's head coach Amy Draper said her team's overall preparation is the same for each match, but anytime that one player can dominate a match, it can be challenging to go into.

"When you know that there is one player that can take over, it's a very challenging thing to go up against," said Draper of Breit.

And just because Breit is having success in the conference, does not mean she wouldn't in more high-profile conferences.

"She (Breit) would get her kills no matter what conference she is in," Samford's head volleyball coach, Michelle Durban said.

But unfortunately for the head coaches in the OVC, Breit is in their conference.

"You can do your best to prepare to play your best against them (JSU) but you can't prepare for her (Breit's) adjustments," Bennett said. "The things she can do ... you don't know she can do until she does them."

THE OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

(2005 OVC RECORD IN PARENTHESES)

EKU E. Kentucky
(14-2)

» **Players to watch:** Kelly Jennings, Sr. S; Amy Arlinghaus, Jr. OH.

» **On the schedule:** Sept. 30 at Eastern Kentucky.

TSU Tennessee State
(14-2)

» **Players to watch:** Meesha Jackson, Sr. MB; Tiana Maua, Sr. S.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 28 at Lantz Arena.

JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS Jacksonville St.
(13-3)

» **Players to watch:** Abby Breit, Jr. MB; Emily Withers, Sr. S.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 21 at Lantz Arena, Nov. 10 at Jacksonville State.

SE MISSOURI STATE SE Missouri
(11-5)

» **Players to watch:** Jamie Baustark, Sr. S; Jessica Koper, Sr. OH.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 4 at Southeast Missouri, Nov. 1 at Lantz Arena.

PANTHERS Eastern Illinois
(12-4)

» **Players to watch:** Eliza Zwettler, Jr. OH; Maren Crabtree, Jr. S.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 7 game vs. Tennessee Tech is at the SRC.

SAMFORD Samford
(5-11)

» **Players to watch:** Sheridan Stanghor, Fr. RS; Jackie Jaszcz, Soph. S.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 20 at Lantz Arena, Nov. 11 at Samford.

AP Austin Peay
(6-10)

» **Players to watch:** Ashley Genslak, Sr. OH; Laura Wussow, Sr. MH.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 27 at Lantz Arena.

M Morehead State
(2-14)

» **Players to watch:** Katelyn Barbour, Fr. S; Erin Peak, Soph. MH.

» **On the schedule:** Sept. 29 at Morehead State.

M Murray State
(5-11)

» **Players to watch:** Katie Kemezys, Sr. MB; Cassie Chesney, Fr. S.

» **On the schedule:** Friday at Lantz Arena, Oct. 14 at Murray State.

Tenn. Tech Tenn. Tech
(3-13)

» **Players to watch:** Kappy Lang, Soph. S; Caitlin Bullock, Soph. MH.

» **On the schedule:** Oct. 7 at SRC, Nov. 3 at Tennessee Tech.

Tenn.-Martin Tenn.-Martin
(3-13)

» **Players to watch:** Kathryn Sprague, Jr. MB; Jamie Hollins, Jr. OH.

» **On the schedule:** Saturday at Lantz Arena, Oct. 13 at Tennessee-Martin.

2006 PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1. Eastern Kentucky (7)	181
2. Tennessee State (8)	179
3. Jacksonville State (7)	175
4. Southeast Missouri	147
5. Eastern Illinois	126
6. Samford	93
7. Austin Peay	90
8. Morehead State	67
9. Murray State	61
10. Tennessee Tech	49
11. Tennessee-Martin	42

Preseason All-Conference team

First Team	Pos.	class	height	HOMETOWN
Abbey Breit, Jacksonville State	MB	Jr.	5'10"	Louisville, Ky.
Jessica Koeper, Southeast Missouri	OH	Sr.	5'11"	Jackson, Mo.
Kelly Davis, Tennessee State	OH	Jr.	5'11"	Farrell, Pa.
Kelly Jennings, Eastern Kentucky	S	Sr.	5'8"	Barrington
Brittany Nobilio, Eastern Kentucky	LIB	Jr.	5'5"	Johnsburg
Jamie Baumstark, Southeast Missouri	S	Sr.	5'11"	Hermann, Mo.
Kelley Smith, Tennessee State	MH	Sr.	6'2"	Michigan City, Ind.

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PANTHER SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday vs. Tennessee-Martin | 4 p.m. Lakeside Field

VOLLEYBALL

Friday vs. Murray State | 7 p.m. Lantz Arena

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday at Evansville Invitational | All day Evansville, Ind.

RUGBY

Saturday vs. Bowling Green | Noon Lakeside Field

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday vs. Tennessee-Martin | 2 p.m. Lantz Arena

MATT DANIELS | OUT OF BOUNDS

Quarterback time sharing should stop

The million-dollar question concerning Eastern football has surfaced once again.

Mike Donato or Cole Stinson?

Going into the fourth game of Eastern's football season, the quarterback position and who is the starter hasn't been nailed down.

Donato showed he should be the starter for Illinois State after throwing for 250 yards and two touchdowns on Sept. 9 against Indiana State.

He also showed why Stinson is getting more reps this week in practice and may see some playing time against Samford with his inconsistent, three-touchdown, three-interception performance against Illinois State.

"He had a fantastic game versus Indiana State," acting head coach Mark Hutson said. "He did not play as well versus Illinois State in that game. Not only the three interceptions but also in managing the team."

Hutson has asked more of his two-year starter this year. Last season, Donato's sole job was to manage the game, not make too many mistakes and hand the ball off to Vincent Webb Jr.

This year, Donato's responsibilities have increased, with the coaching staff giving Donato more chance to change plays at the line of scrimmage and check off on plays.

Donato should be the starter. He should be the starter without any doubt. The coaching staff brought in Stinson to compete for the job and to push Donato.

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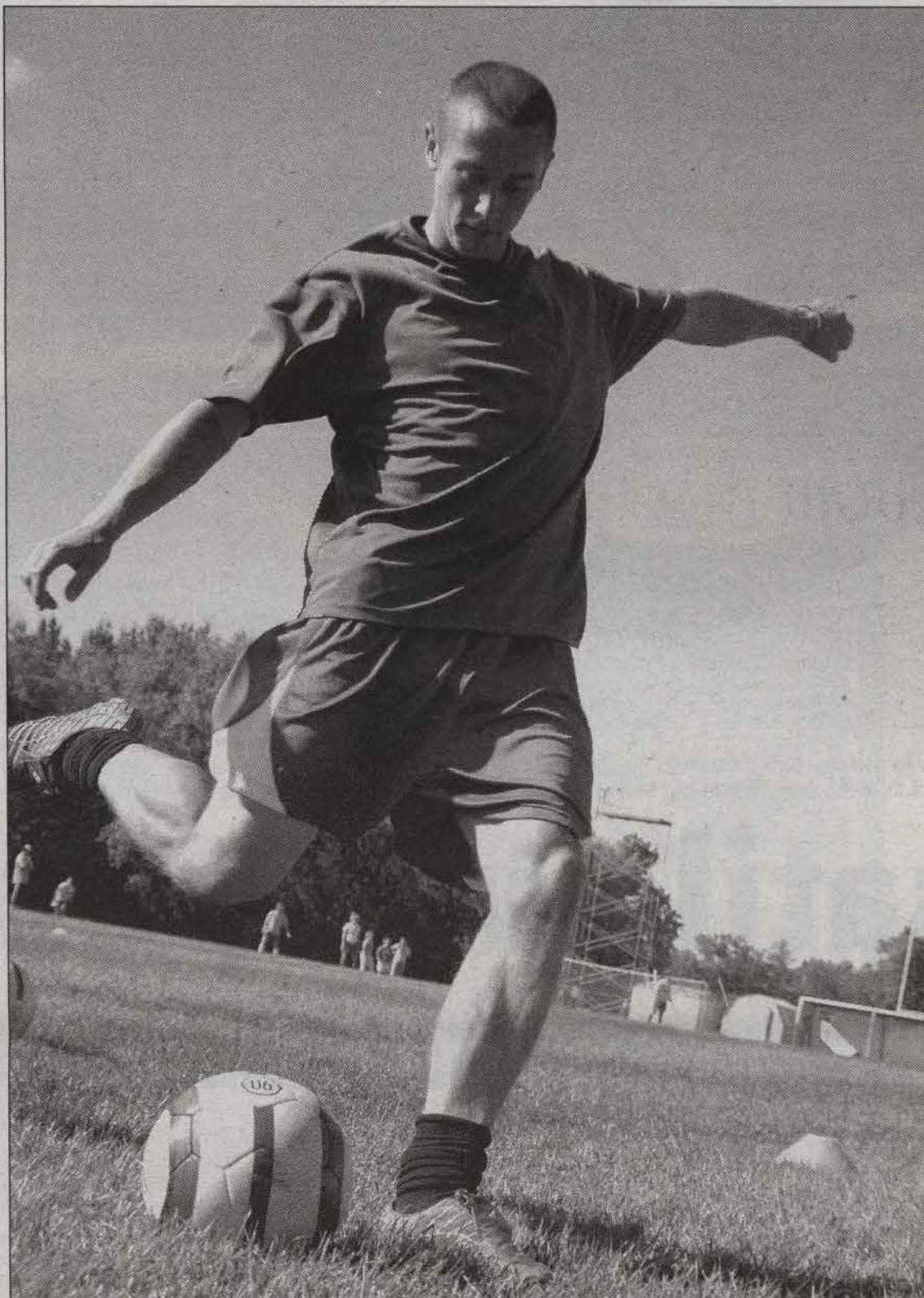
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TOP CAT | MICK GALESKI

Eastern is having its best season since 2000 and a big reason why is their captain's ...

Leadership Qualities

By Joe Waltasti
Staff Reporter



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Midfielder and captain Mick Galeski takes extra time to work on his shooting after Wednesday afternoon's practice on the soccer practice fields. Galeski is tied for the team lead with four assists and is third in goals with three scores. The Panthers have beaten three teams they either lost to or tied last season.

Head coach Adam Howarth said making junior midfielder Mick Galeski his team's captain was an easy pick.

The Panthers 7-2 start is a reflection of the attributes that made Galeski's selection such an obvious choice.

Galeski's ability to lead the Panthers begins with the huge amount of respect that all of his teammates have for him.

"The ability to have people seriously respect him, which he does on and off the field," said junior forward Brad Earl about how the team looks up to Galeski. "If he says something, people listen."

Galeski has been able to translate that respect into a good start by the Panthers and his abilities on the playing field have allowed for that.

Howarth has repeatedly commented on the fitness level that his team exhibited at the start of the season.

The extra effort the team put forth to get into such great shape is something they adopted from their captain, who is never afraid to put in the work.

"I might not be having the best game sometimes," Galeski said. "But you can always guarantee I'll be running and working hard. I'll run til I can't run anymore."

Eastern has won games late this year, with three victories coming on goals late in the second half or in overtime. The Panthers' ability to score late can be attributed to Galeski's ability to push his players late in games.

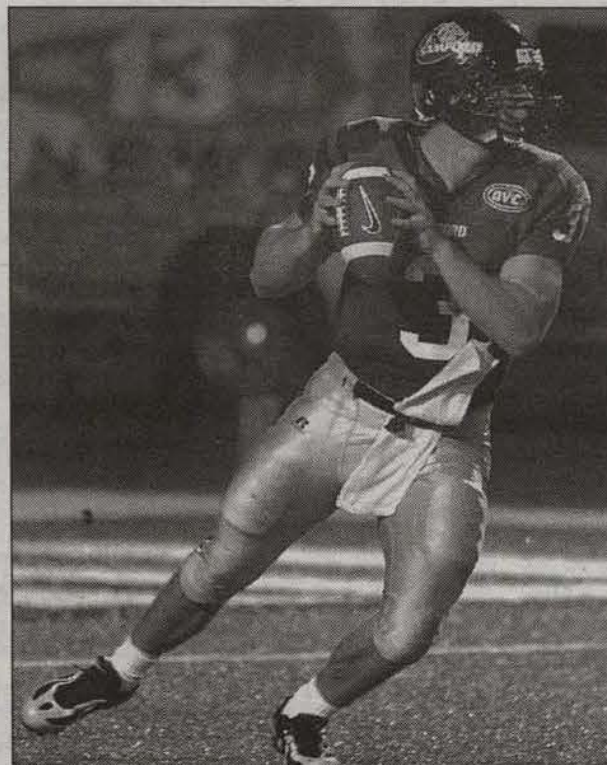
"Mick is solid, he's dependable and he can run for 90 minutes," said senior goalkeeper Paul Jennison. "When the other lads are starting to struggle, he can grab hold of them and keep them going."

Howarth chose Galeski because the midfielder is an intelligent player and he can depend on him to do the right things during a game.

» SEE GALESKI, PAGE 9

FOOTBALL | QB CONTROVERSY

Samford quarterback situation uncertain



COURTESY OF SAMFORD SPORTS INFORMATION

Incumbent Jefferson Adcock is being pressured by Dante Williams for the Bulldogs starting quarterback position.

Despite possible shakeup, Bellantoni to use same game plan for both QBs

By Marco Santana
Associate Sports Editor

Samford head coach Bill Gray turned to his bench when starting quarterback Jefferson Adcock didn't complete any of his five pass attempts in the first quarter of Thursday's game against Austin Peay.

He put Dante Williams into the scoreless game and Williams used his arm and his legs to lead the Bulldogs to a 17-14 non-conference win.

It turned out to be a good decision.

Just one year after Adcock threw for 2,338 yards for Samford, Gray is not sure if Adcock will even start this week's game against Eastern.

"(The quarterback position) has been a revolving door so far," Gray said. "We feel like we got some competition at that spot."

Williams finished the game 13 of 16 with 114 passing yards and 10 rushes for 31 yards.

Gray said a final decision would come later in the week. He said while Williams helped the Bulldogs do "just enough to come out on top," the problems on offense weren't completely solved.

"He has stepped it up," Gray said of Williams. "(But) we're still sputtering at that spot and still are offensively."

Adcock has taken the decreased playing time in stride, Gray said. But he's not happy about the situation.

"He's a competitor and doesn't want to be on the sidelines," he said. "But he's a class individual. He's gonna put the team first."

Samford is eighth in the conference in total offense, averaging only 283.7 yards a game. Last season, they averaged more than 360 yards per game and finished second in the conference.

Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said they would not change their game plan regardless of who starts at quarterback for the Bulldogs.

"They are both athletic kids who run the football," he said. "They can move around in the pocket and scramble."

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